

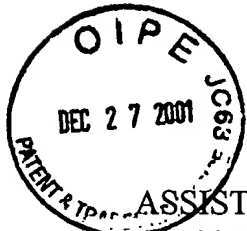
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AMENDMENT

This amendment is in response to the office action dated August 2, 2001. The application as filed contained claims 1-25. These claims were resubmitted to the examiner for further consideration in applicant's amendment filed May 23, 2001. These claims have been further rejected by the office in the action dated August 2, 2001 on different grounds. The claims 1-25 are again being resubmitted for further consideration by the examiner in view of the accompanying remarks.

REMARKS

The examiner rejected claims 1 and 4-6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brayton et. al. (U.S. 5,943,935) in view of A. Dewes (U.S. 171,270). The examiner maintains that Brayton shows the invention substantially as claimed but does not show each steel rule die as having first and second end portions